

where a stand was put up with a picture of a raccoon and a baby. Holes were left where the head should have been for someone to put their head through. Hitting the coon's head and knocking down the babies were big hits and raised a lot of money. The day before the event Mr. J.S. Fry challenged Mr. J. N. Morgan the veteran policeman to put his head through the coon head saying he could hit him with a rock. Mr. Morgan did so but Mr. Fry missed and hit a ten year old boy about ten steps left of the target. Mr. Fry gave the boy ten cents to keep quiet about the incident (he was disqualified from competing the following day due to his previous practice). A may pole dance was held and the Hiddenite band provide music while refreshments were held on the college lawn in the evening. Messrs. E.G. Gaither, A.P. Hall and Jack Turner wore colonial costumes. The crowd was estimated as being between 2500 or 3000. Dr. Mott kindly gave the library two rooms in his building on west Broad St. to house the library free of rent for three years. These rooms are being fitted up now and the library will soon be open. The *Landmark* declared that *Everybody's Day* was a great day in the history of the town."

*1903-1921* -- A library existed in many different forms sometimes operating and sometimes going out of existence for the next few years in Statesville. The public library did not begin continuous service until 1921 when the Statesville Women's Club started a Women's Club library that was supported by and operated by its members.

*April 1928* -- The ladies turned the library over to the city of Statesville to operate. It then became the Statesville Public Library funded by the city.

*1936* -- The Statesville and Mooresville city libraries donated books for a bookmobile which would serve the schools as a traveling school library operating out of a converted school bus donated by the School Board. The creation of this traveling library came due to the efforts of School Superintendent T. Ward Guy who wanted library access for all Iredell County school children. Within a couple of years the bookmobile began making stops